

Torrance, California
June 28, 1938

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORRANCE

The City Council of the City of Torrance convened in a regular meeting in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Torrance, California, on Tuesday evening, June 28, 1938 at 7:45 P.M.

Mayor Tolson called the meeting to order.

Clerk Bartlett called the roll, those answering present being Councilmen: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. Absent: Councilmen: None.

Mr. Grayson from the State Relief Association was introduced and addressed the Council at this time. He stated that the State Relief Association is contemplating reopening the community garden project, using W.P.A. labor to cultivate the eighty acres of land near the Columbia Steel Company, and asked the City to pay the water therefor.

There was a great deal of discussion, the main point being that if the employment of Torrance men on the project could be assured, the City would willingly pay the water.

A meeting of the Street Department Committee, City Engineer and Mr. Grayson was scheduled for Wednesday, July 6, 1938 at 11:00 A.M. for the purpose of studying the matter further,

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the minutes of a regular meeting held June 14, 1938 be approved as written. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A communication was read from the Torrance Musician's Society, Inc., petitioning the City Council for an appropriation of \$600:00 for the 1938-39 fiscal year.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communication be filed. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from C.A. Benzel was read, requesting the removal of a pepper tree at 2815 Andreo Street.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the matter be referred to the Street Department. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from Glen Armstrong was read, applying for a permit to sell fireworks on the Southeast corner at Cabrillo Avenue and Carson Street.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be denied. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Bill Gooch, 415 South Essey Street, Compton, stating that he would like to demonstrate his business of stenciling house numbers on the curb in front of the house.

Councilman McGuire moved that the communication be filed. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication from Torrance High School was Read, extending thanks for the use of the Auditorium for the Junior-Senior Prom.

A communication was read from the Board of Education, expressing thanks for the use of the auditorium for commencement exercises held June 23, 1938.

A communication was read from A.A. Lamb, requesting permission to open an operate a recreation hall at 23223 Narbonne Avenue.

Councilman McGuire moved that the request be denied. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from the Torrance Hospital Association, asking the renewal of emergency service contract for the fiscal year 1938-39.

A communication was read from the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, referring an attached communication from the Torrance Womans' Club to the City Council. It was stated in the communication from the Womans' Club that the Los Angeles District Federation of Womans' Clubs is in need of a place to hold its first President's Council beginning in September.

The request was made for use of the auditorium for luncheon between 12:00 noon and 1:30 P.M. and also asked the cooperation of the City Council in securing the use of either the theatre building or the High School Auditorium for the business sessions from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the above request be granted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The proposed budget of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce for the fiscal year 1938-39 was read.

A communication was read from the Texas Company, reporting no gross receipts from the use, operation or possession of Ordinances

117, 884, 1129 and 1377 for the period January 1, 1937 to December 31, 1937, inclusive. A check in the amount of \$41.01 was enclosed, however, in order to preclude any possible controversy concerning the matter.

A communication was read from Ralph & W. Grover, who stated that they had purchased ten acres of land at 17235 Arlington Avenue from Nora Lupton, which they intend to use as a feed and rest place for stock being shipped to stock yards.

After considerable discussion, in which Mr. Grover joined, it was decided that Clerk Bartlett should decide on the suitable time for the City Council to make an inspection of the place and to determine whether or not the property location is suited to the purpose for which it has been purchased.

A communication was read from J.H. Redding, requesting a business license for the business of sharpening scissors and saws from door to door.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request be granted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from James Savage, 409 Hermosa Avenue, Hermosa Beach, requesting permission to stage wrestling and boxing matches at the Municipal Park, charging an admission fee therefor, and paying the City of Torrance ten percent of gross paid attendance.

Councilman McGuire moved that the request be denied, Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A communication was read from Menard and Tabery, Inc., giving a detailed description of the drapes and canopy which, if installed in the Civic Auditorium, will greatly beautify the auditorium.

The payment of \$420.00 will be on a rental basis, said decorations to be installed, maintained and removed at the end of the year by Menard and Tabery, Inc.

It was explained that acceptance in the space provided on the communication, together with the carbon copy of same, would constitute a contract for one year's rental of decorations.

Three communications dealing with the same subject were read at this time. The first two, from M.R. Overholt and Harry E. Blood, were directed to Councilman Hitchcock, and the third from Joe Pullman, addressed to the City Council. Each of these communications requested permission to remove the clay sand from the city property in Torrance.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the communications be referred to the City Engineer and City Attorney for investigation and report. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Communications were read from Luther W. Andrews and Floyd Ferguson, both asking that they be given the contract for collecting and disposing of garbage and tin cans for the fiscal year 1938-39.

Councilman McGuire moved that the City Clerk be authorized to advertise for bids for garbage disposal for the fiscal year 1938-1939. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMAN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request of the Southern California Edison Company for a sodium light at Hawthorne Avenue and Highway 101 be granted and that Engineer Young be instructed to write a letter to the State Highway Department for permission. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Engineer Young reported that he had investigated the road condition of Hawthorne Boulevard leading into Palos Verdes Estates and that to realign the road would involve a great deal of expense, but that the street could be resurfaced and put into fairly good condition for about One Thousand Dollars.

Engineer Young reported that the two lights which are on trial at the Municipal Park, being used to light home plate, are giving satisfactory service, and that the price, should the City desire to purchase them, is about Twelve Dollars each.

Engineer Young stated that the culvert at Carson Street and Border Avenue had been properly repaired.

Engineer Young suggested that a firm of architects be employed to draw up plans for the proposed swimming pool and recreation building, stating that the time allowed for applying for P.W.A. grants is drawing to a close and that he cannot devote sufficient time to the matter to have all the plans completed before that time.

After a lengthy discussion, Councilman Murray moved that Engineer Young be authorized to contact a firm of architects and obtain some definite figures on the cost of constructing a swimming pool and recreation building and to get an estimate as to the fee they would charge for drawing up the plans. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Murray moved that the rent for the recreation building at 2415 Arlington Avenue be increased from \$15.00 per month to \$20.00 per month, payable monthly to Robert Nuckles, Owner of the building. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

In the matter of the application submitted by the Pacific Electric Railway Company for abandonment of rail service from Plaza del Amo to the Pacific Electric Railway Station in San Pedro, Attorney McCall suggested that the Pacific Electric Railway Company be contacted in an effort to determine the amount they would ask for their right-of-way on Cabrillo and to move their tracks. He suggested further that if they refuse to sell for a reasonable price, the application should then be fought before the Railroad Commission.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the suggestion be complied with and that the matter be referred to the City Attorney for action. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Clerk Bartlett presented for second reading:

ORDINANCE NO. 304

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE ESTABLISHING BOULEVARD STOPS,
PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF,
AND AMENDING PORTION OF ORDINANCE NO. 260.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that further reading of Ordinance No. 304 be dispensed with. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.

Councilman McGuire moved that Ordinance No. 304 be adopted for final reading. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The tentative budget of the Municipal Water District No. 1 for the fiscal year 1938-39 was presented and read at this time.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the tentative budget of the Municipal Water District No. 1 for the fiscal year 1938-39 be adopted as read. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN:

Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

The tentative budget of the City of Torrance for the fiscal year 1938-1939 was presented and read.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that the tentative budget of the City of Torrance for the fiscal year 1938-1939 be adopted as read. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Clerk Bartlett presented and read in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 1191

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT
WITH GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR THE FISCAL
YEAR 1938-1939.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1191 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 1192

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT
WITH THE TORRANCE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE FOR THE
FISCAL YEAR 1938-39.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1192 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 1193

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LEASE WITH
TRABUE PITTMAN CORPORATION, LTD.

Councilman Murray moved that Resolution No. 1193 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 1194

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY
OF CONTRACT WITH LINDE AIR PRODUCTS COMPANY
FOR OXYGEN AND ACETYLENE FOR THE PERIOD COM-
MENCING JULY 1, 1938 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 1939.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1194 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 1195

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION
AND DELIVERY OF CONTRACT WITH THE TORRANCE
MUNICIPAL BAND.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1195 be adopted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the

following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell, and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 1196

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1938-39.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1196 be adopted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 1197

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF CONTRACT WITH THE SOUTH BAY HUMANE SOCIETY FOR PUBLIC POUND SERVICE FOR FISCAL YEAR 1938-39.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1197 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 1198

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE GENERAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION FOR GASOLINE AND OIL FOR THE PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 1938 and ENDING JUNE 30, 1939.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1198 be adopted. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION No. 1199

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE TORRANCE HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1938-39.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1199 be adopted. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 1200

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE TORRANCE HERALD FOR OFFICIAL ADVERTISING FOR THE CITY OF TORRANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1938-39.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that Resolution No. 1200 be adopted. COUNCILMAN Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

RESOLUTION NO. 1201

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF CONTRACT WITH THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON COMPANY, LTD., COVERING OVERHEAD STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM

AND ELECTRIC ENERGY FOR ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTS
FOR A PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 1, 1938 AND TERMINAT-
ING JUNE 30, 1939.

Councilman McGuire moved that Resolution No. 1201 be adopted. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$239.00, plus sales tax, be made for doors for the Street Department garage. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$425.00 plus sales tax, be made for a truck hoist for the Street Department. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that not to exceed \$400.00, plus sales tax, be appropriated for a Torrance Steam Cleaner for the Street Department. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$500.00 be made for an Emulsion Spreader for the Street Department. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$300.00, plus sales tax, be made for an air compressor for the Street Department. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock reported that he had investigated the request for a tree removal at 1016 Portola Street and found no reason for removing said tree. Councilman Hitchcock moved that the request for the tree removal at 1016 Portola Street be denied. Councilman McGuire seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$150.00 be made for repairs to the grandstand at the Municipal Park. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that \$165.00, plus sales tax, be appropriated for curtains for the auditorium windows. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman McGuire moved that the Mayor be authorized to enter into a rental contract with Menard and Tabery, Inc., for installation of drapes and hangings in the auditorium, in an amount not to exceed \$420.00 for a period of one year. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Councilman Hitchcock moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$300.00 be made to purchase surveying instruments for the Engineering Department. Councilman Murray seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$350.00 be made for a meter for the Water Department, to be paid from the Bond Fund. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Mayor Tolson moved that the request by Thomas Ford for a permit to operate a pool hall at 825 Border Avenue be denied. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: / None NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None. (Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Miller asked an appropriation of \$75.00 for a Director for the Boys' Orchestra, stating that the amount requested would cover three months' time and that, at the end of that time, the Council could determine whether or not the payments should be continued.

Councilman Murray moved that an appropriation of not to exceed \$75.00 be made for the employment of a Director of the Boys' Orchestra, to cover a period of three months, beginning July 1, 1938 and payable monthly to Mr. Ulrich, the Director chosen. Councilman Powell seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

Attorney Moodie asked that proceedings for vacation of the alley adjacent to the Walteria school site be postponed until the pipe line of the Quandt Water Company, which lies across school property, can be re-routed to give it an outlet to the main highway.

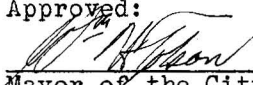
It was decided that Mr. Moodie should take the matter up with Engineer Young.

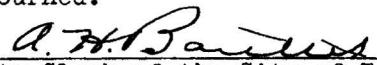
A Mr. Evans protested against certain stationery companies selling in the City of Torrance without business licenses. He was assured that the matter would be investigated.

Councilman McGuire moved that all bills properly audited be paid. Councilman Hitchcock seconded the motion, which was carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Hitchcock, McGuire, Murray, Powell and Tolson. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMEN: None.

At 9:36 P.M., upon motion of Councilman Hitchcock, seconded by Councilman McGuire, the meeting adjourned.

Approved:


Mayor of the City of Torrance


City Clerk of the City of Torrance